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Dear Lumberton Stakeholders,

As you may know, the district's Reopening Plan was presented and approved at the Board of Education meeting on Thursday night. Thank you to our Board for hosting a live meeting with a variety of different options for commentary.

For those of you that were not in attendance, we opened the meeting with a reminder that we are in the middle of a pandemic. In addition, we based our planning on the ways that the CDC shared that viruses spread; we minimized movement, touch of surfaces, group sizes, respiration; we maximized distance whenever possible. These guiding principles were referenced throughout the presentation in order to keep our students and staff as safe as possible.

Understandably, there has been some community discussion our decision to form our cohorts by grade level. The Reopening Committee felt strongly that the benefit of having teacher consistency was the most important factor in making this recommendation.

Our administrative team now will confront the challenge of re-creating class lists. For this, we need your help. **Please complete the attached survey as soon as possible**, but no later than Friday, August 7, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. The survey link is located here:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSefGM17K1pm_VWBVENuc4WKEkktG72LRkTQHvXGWMFXxu9Y9w/viewform?usp=sf_link.

We have been committed to providing a fully remote experience for those families seeking this option and you will see this opportunity within the survey. Parents may contact their child's secretary, teacher or principal at any time to select the remote learning option. Students are expected to attend remote learning daily and submit all work during the timelines provided by their teachers. Families may select to opt back in to in-person learning at the end of the marking period. If you have questions or concerns, your child's school and principal are a great resource

The creation of class lists will enable us to best place our teaching staff in order to provide the finest instruction possible for our students. We will share information about your child's teacher and schedule later in August once planning has been completed.

The PowerPoint from Thursday can be located here:
<https://www.lumberton.k12.nj.us/download/parents/bulletins/07-30-20-Restart-and-Recovery-Plan-Presentation-Lumberton-Township.pdf>

The complete Reopening Plan can be located here. -

<https://www.lumberton.k12.nj.us/download/parents/bulletins/07-30-20-Restart-and-Recovery-Plan-Document-Lumberton-Township.pdf>

During the meeting we referenced the possibility of childcare at Walther this year through an outside provider but that no longer appears to be a possibility. You will see a survey question about Extended Day Care included.

As I have stated repeatedly, this is a very fluid situation and it is very likely that our planning will need to adjust. Please also consider the *possibility* of the district moving to fully remote learning at some point this year in your planning.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Langowski". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "L".

Joe Langowski
Superintendent of School